

SOLOMON EMERSON.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 458.]

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MAY 26, 1842.

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Mr. DOAN, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to which was referred the petition of Solomon Emerson, report:*

It is in evidence that the petitioner enlisted in the service of the United States, at Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, in February, 1824, as a private soldier; that he went from Boston to Pensacola, in Florida, and was attached to company K, of the 4th regiment of United States infantry, commanded by George W. Mount; that he was put upon extra duty, and was kept at work on the grounds near the United States hospital, opening roads &c.; that he was taken sick and remained sick until discharged, on account of disability, in December, 1826: which facts are certified to by Adjutant General Lorenzo Thomas and Assistant Surgeon E. Macomb.

Two persons say, under oath, that they have been acquainted with said Emerson since his return, and before he entered the service of the United States; that since his return they know him to have been sick and feeble, unable to labor more than one-half the time; that before he entered the service he was robust and hearty, and able to perform as much manual labor as ordinary men.

Dr. Shed, who is certified to be a reputable physician, of the county of Essex and State of Massachusetts, says that he has often been called to prescribe for petitioner since his return from Florida; that his malady is pain in the side and chronic diarrhæa, and says he is at least one half disabled: he believes his disease to have been caused by fatigue and exposure in Florida.

The committee report a bill for the relief of petitioner, at four dollars per month, from and after the 7th day of June, 1839.

